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would insure success if the weather would be accommodating enough to fill in the prescribed dates with warm sunshine and rain, but there is where the rub comes. I have in mind a young farmer who does the work on his eighty-acre farm without hired help. In 1908, he had his ground ready for planting May 22d and started the planter about four p. m., but the next day and night it rained hard and by the time the fields were dried they were more fit for the pulverizer than the planter. But there was not any time to spare for scientific reflection. It was time to plant corn and plant it he did, but on ground that was not scientifically perfect and no doubt all of us have done and will do the same thing under similar circumstances.

Every extreme of weather creates a different demand. The recent heavy rains has turned attention from automobiles to tile drain. If the tile is put in first the auto will come after awhile, all right.

the old way of setting them. A post lodgment in shady places. driven deep when the ground is soft is there to stay ever after, until it rots.

for I have found no one who can fur- that some kind of scientific ventilanish the answer. Perhaps some read- tion be put in. Of course, there will

ating the stock, but I cannot bring that conditions are not very favorable everything out to track up the pas- is considerable danger of having milk bad on the pasture.

Who can find it profitable to get anyone to do so.

The wide tired wagon is a road enough so the dirt does not pick up, draft is almost as much again. Many of my neighbors have been compelled to abandon the wide-tired feed wagon during the period of deepest mud.

I saw another new thing the other day-colts running in a muddy feed lot, with their tails tied up, just as you would tie up a horse's tail before gong out on a muddy rood. It struck me as being a good idea, since it kept the tails clean, anyhow.

Years ago, before the tax laws were so rigidly enforced as they are now many farmers would plan to have their fat stock and perhaps much of the surplus grain sold before the day of assessment. This meant that the the man who did such business that he had tax dodging in mind. Nowadays the money is ferreted out, too.

ceived."

Soon will some neighbor get on the uneasy seat, and he will go out and mud in some grain. Other neighbors seeing him work, will be given the fever, and thus will a great deal of grain be mudded in.

The farmer who has dragging to do in his fields cannot be expected to drag the roads, and many times they need it then, although as a rule the roads are in shape so dragging can be done before the fields. I am absolutely convinced that road dragging pays 150 cents on the dollar, and that the cheapest roads are made with the drag after a grade has once been

One of the many good points about an automobile is that it cannot be abused by a drunken or otherwise brutal driver. If there is any abusing to be done it is generally the driver that gets it and he gets it good and plenty.

Science has taught us a great deal about corn culture and it is a wis

inviting, but no assortment is quite complete without two or three automobiles. These "devil wagons" of a It is an easy task to map out a few years ago have made good in course of work for a corn crop that nearly all localities. It is a notable fact that those most bitterly opposed to their introduction are willing to call them automobiles now and some are owners.

The season for working the roads is with us and it would almost seem that the proper place for holding a good roads convention is right out on a piece of country road that needs "fixin'." Such a convention, if properly conducted, would bring results to which those who attended might "point with pride" for some time to

I have never had a case of joint ill

among my colts and I am not bragging about the fact, either. When the little fellows are dropped in the stable I always make it a point to have fresh bedding in every night, and when the stall is cleaned out in the daytime it is thoroughly disinfected with coal-tar dip. On the other hand, when the weather is warm and the mares are in the pasture, I have no objection to having the little fellows come into the world right on the fresh grass. Dead-This is good weather, anyhow, to ly germs cannot live in the sunshine drive fence posts. Few people who and I always figure that the germ try driving posts seldom go back to that causes joint ill can only find

I want to make a suggestion to those who feed ensilage and find that Who knows anything about the gal- their stables have a strong silage vanized iron cribs and grain bins, smell all the time. This is a pretty now on the market? Would shelled good indication that the stable is not corn keep well in such a bin? This well ventilated and I would therefore question is bothering me now and so suggest that more windows be cut or be a slight odor of silage even in the When the feed lots are as muddy as best ventilated barns, but when it they are now a person feels like liber- gets strong and pungent that indicates myself to do as a neighbor does-turn and under those circumstances there ture. This is good for the stock, but contaminated through the absorption of barn odors.

The other day I heard of a man along without a disk harrow? I must who grew 2,500 bushels of oats on confess that I would not get along twenty-five acres which, of course, is without one if the cost were twice an even 100 bushels to the acre. Upwhat it is. Actually it would not pay on inquiry I learned that this man had his seed bed in garden condition. The same man had an average of more maker when the surface has dried than eighty bushels of corn on 100 acres. This record was made by a but in thin mud it is just as productive man who had previously had very litof ruts as the narrowest tire, and the tle experience in corn-belt agriculture, his knowledge having been acquired where soil cultivation is reduced to a science-in Denmark. I am not sure but what the native Americans could in many instances learn valuable lessons from those wno come to us from

Those who have kept over a supply of hay expecting to get exorbitant prices for it this spring are liable to be disappointed. The open winter has enabled farmers to take through their live stock on a minimum supply of roughage, and as a result a little hay has gone a long ways. We know one instance where a man was offered \$14 a ton for hay in the stack money was hid, while the property doubtful if he could get more than \$8 or \$10 a ton for it at present.

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